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Alzheimer's Association-Michigan Charitable Check-Off

The Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapters are seeking a state income tax check-off to allow them to increase support for volunteer caregivers as incorporated in either SB 324-325 (Senators Pappageorge and Warren) which have passed the Senate or in HB 4518-4519 (Representative Lori), which is in the House Taxation Committee.

Until 2009, Michigan appropriated approximately \$435,000 per year to the Alzheimer's Association for programs assisting unpaid caregivers. Over 70% of the 230,000 Michiganders diagnosed with dementia, many Medicaid eligible, are cared for at home by a family member or friend. Every month that a long-term care placement is diverted represents a significant cost savings for the state and continuation of living in a familiar setting for those receiving care. Following a diagnosis of dementia such as Alzheimer's, a typical person lives 8-20 years. Because many are cared for at home from diagnoses to death, increasing the investment in uncompensated caregivers would result in a long term economic benefit.

The Alzheimer's Association provides support to caregivers through access to a 24/7/365 professional hotline, support groups and caregiver education workshops, in home care, and day programs. This education and support increases the amount of time that an individual living with the disease can be cared for at home by an average of more than two years. When the Association received state funds, it assisted 25,000 volunteer caregivers per year.

With an aging population, Alzheimer's disease will reach critical mass, and demand for services will increase. The tax-check-off would help fill that need and thus reduce future costs of long-term care. Additionally, the Alzheimer Association's goals do not overlap with those of other charities currently on the check-off list. The Association has a very large and active volunteer base statewide and a history of being able to operate fundraising programs effectively. As the premier voluntary health organization leading the way in education, support and research of the disease, the Alzheimer's Association is an excellent candidate to be added to the list of charities eligible for check-off and has the capacity to meet the statutory threshold.

Current Law Regarding Charitable Check-offs

Under Section 435 of the Income tax act of 1967, Michigan citizens may designate contributions from their state income tax refunds to charities indicated on Form 4642. Currently, six charities are listed. Under this law, the Department of Treasury may stop including a contribution designation if a particular charity fails to raise \$100,000 in any tax year for two consecutive tax years. Thus, adding a 'new' charity to the Voluntary Contributions Schedule will not remove others currently listed. However, it is likely that a number of these groups will not meet the threshold to be removed from the list by the department. The Alzheimer's Association is willing to consider reforms to the current act that would make income tax check-offs easier to administer.



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ALZHEIMER'S STATISTICS

In the United States, an estimated **5.4 million people** are living with Alzheimer's disease, including at least **800,000 who live alone**. Unless something is done to change the trajectory of the disease, as many as **16 million** Americans will have Alzheimer's by 2050. The cost of caring for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias is estimated to total **\$200 billion** in 2012 and is projected to increase to **\$1.1 trillion** per year (in today's dollars) by mid-century.

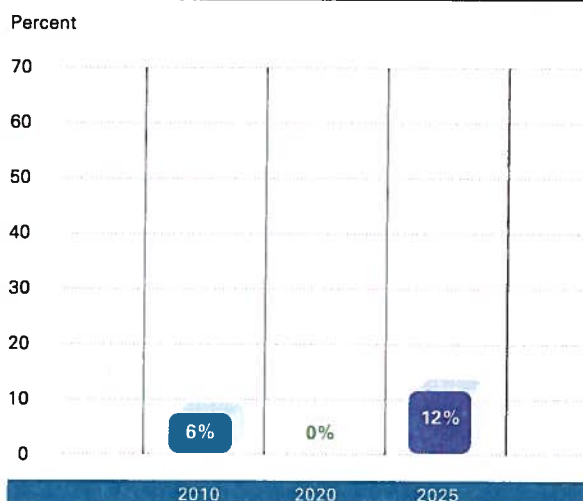
Number of People Aged 65 and Older with Alzheimer's by Age

Year	65-74	75-84	85+	Total	% change from 2000
2000	11,000	89,000	67,000	170,000	
2010	8,300	82,000	85,000	180,000	6%
2020	10,000	77,000	86,000	170,000	0%
2025	12,000	90,000	87,000	190,000	12%

Number of Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregivers, Hours of Unpaid Care, and Economic Value of Care

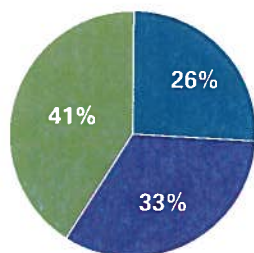
Year	Number of Caregivers	Total Hours of Unpaid Care	Total Value of Unpaid Care	Higher Health Costs of Caregivers
2009	402,327	458,170,316	\$5,268,958,629	N/A
2010	507,176	577,572,277	\$6,890,437,260	N/A
2011	504,550	574,581,267	\$6,963,924,952	\$277,650,941

Percentage Change in Number with Alzheimer's Disease Compared to 2000



Cognitive Impairment in Nursing Home Residents, 2009

Total Nursing Home Residents **104,790**



Level of Cognitive Impairment

- severe/moderate
- mild/very mild
- none

Number of Deaths Due to Alzheimer's Disease in 2008

2,739

About the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is a national, voluntary health organization with the mission to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

The Alzheimer's Association, Michigan Great Lakes Chapter serves a 23-county region of Michigan with an estimated 44,000 people with Alzheimer's disease. The association offers a wealth of community programs and services designed to meet the needs of those with Alzheimer's, family members, care partners and the public.

Volunteers significantly enhance the association's ability to provide effective services. More than 500 volunteers contribute their time and talent each year in program services, advocacy, fund raising to support programs and research, and in operational support.

The association relies on contributions from individuals and corporations, revenue from Walk to End Alzheimer's™ and other events, and foundation and government grants to support its efforts to provide needed services in our region.

Chapter Programs and Services

Helpline Information and Referral

Trained volunteers and staff provide callers with information, referral to community resources, and one-on-one support through the toll-free Helpline 24 hours a day, seven days a week – 800.272.3900. Unlimited follow-up calls for on-going support are available to families who request this service.

Care Consultation

A range of consultation services is available. Our professional staff offer intensive telephone consultation, walk-in and scheduled appointments at all offices, and scheduled appointments at off-site locations in all regions. Consultations include supportive listening, problem solving and assessment, development of action plans, referrals to community resources, and follow-up.

Safety Programs

MedicAlert+Safe Return and Comfort Zone are programs that assist in the safe and timely return of memory impaired individuals who wander and are at risk for getting lost.

Education

Introductory education programs (Know the Ten Signs; Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease: The Basics) are scheduled regularly throughout the service area offering information on warning signs, understanding the diagnosis, changes in the brain, caregiving issues and community resources. Intensive workshops for caregivers provide in-depth information on a variety of topics, including challenging behaviors, communication, home safety, financial and legal planning, residential care options, and more.

Support Groups

Led by trained facilitators, these groups offer caregivers a safe, confidential and supportive environment, practical caregiving strategies and the opportunity to share experiences. Specialized groups are available for male caregivers, African American caregivers, and those in the early stages of the dis



Chapter Programs and Services (Continued)

Professional Training

In service training is available on request for long term care staff and other professionals who work with those with Alzheimer's or with family members.

Chapter Events



The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's™ is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research. Since 1989, we've mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®; now, we're continuing to lead the way with the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Together, we can end Alzheimer's — the nation's sixth-leading cause of death.

JOIN US!

- Lead the way as a SPONSOR and receive innovative marketing benefits.
- Step forward and register a CHAMPION TEAM to earn local recognition benefits.
- Join the movement. WALK or start a TEAM.
- Make a DONATION.
- Volunteer to serve on a PLANNING COMMITTEE.

Ann Arbor	Lansing
Brighton	Lenawee County (Adrian)
Calhoun County (Marshall)	Ludington
Fremont	Monroe
Jackson	Muskegon
Kalamazoo (Portage)	St. Joseph

Annual Ann Arbor Golf Outing

The Ann Arbor Golf Outing is an annual community fundraising event. By sponsoring or participating in this event, you will be helping make a difference in the lives of thousands of local families affected by Alzheimer's disease.

South Central Region
310 N. Main St., Suite 100
Chelsea, MI 48118
734.475.7043

Capital Area Region
5303 S. Cedar St., Bldg. 1
Lansing, MI 48911
517.999.3004

South West Region
350 E. Michigan Ave., Ste 20
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
269.342.1482

West Shore Region
1740 Village Dr., Suite 336
Muskegon, MI 49442
231.780.1922

Other

Advocacy

The association advocates for increased public funding for Alzheimer research and for improved policies and programs for Alzheimer families at the state and national levels. As an advocate, you will:

- Generate action from our elected officials by making calls and writing letters.
- Stay on top of policy and legislative issues through alerts and updates.
- Help elevate Alzheimer's from a disease to a cause

Research

Information about advances in Alzheimer research and opportunities to participate in research studies are a regular part of association programming.

Speakers Bureau

Professionals and volunteers are available to community groups, civic organizations and others who want to know more about Alzheimer's disease and the services the association offers.

Communications

E-Newsletter

Written with caregivers in mind, this monthly publication offers practical, up-to-date information and the latest research news.

Web Site

The Web site offers comprehensive information about Alzheimer's disease, Alzheimer research and advocacy initiatives, and information about chapter services and current programs. Visitors to the Web site can donate online, register for programs and Walk to End Alzheimer's™, and learn about volunteer opportunities.

National Website: www.alz.org
Chapter Website: www.alz.org/mgic

**To contact the office nearest you,
please call 1.800.272.3900**